Financial Problems faced by Central Universities

2872. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of Central Universities are facing financial problems;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proposals for monetary grants for all the Central Universities are lying with the University Grants Commission for a long time; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Memorandum submitted by Democratic Youth Federation's Coochbehar District Committee

2873. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorandum had been received by the Station Superintendent of New Coochbehar on the 28th December, 1987 from Democratic Youth Federation's Coochbehar District Committee;

(b) if so, what were the salient features of the said memorandum and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) if no action has yet been taken thereon, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demand include daily running of Kanchanjunga Express, restoration of Janata Express. Introduction of a new fast train from New Coochbehar to Howrah, increase in reservation quotas, extension of doubling between Malda-New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati, provision of Yatri Niwas at New Coochbehar, etc.

(c) The memorandum has been examined by the Railway administration. It has been decided to extend the Kanchanjunga Express and run it as a daily superfast service between Howrah and Guwahati in the new time table. This will also serve New Coochbehar. Other suggestions have not been found feasible for the present.

Platform Sheds at Bali

2874. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide platform sheds at Bali halt and Rajchandrapur halt of Eastern Railways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing facilities are adequate for Halt Stations.

Janata Express

2875. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reintroduce the Janata Express between Assam and North Bengal;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?